

REMARKS

Claims 6 through 14 are currently pending. In an office action mailed July 28, 2004 (Paper no. 9), drawing figures 1 and 2 were objected to for noted informalities. The Specification was objected to for noted informalities. Claims 8 and 15 were objected to for noted informalities. Claims 1, 4, and 4 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Yeh in view of Liu. Claims 2, 3, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeh in view of Liu and further in view of Abdelgany. The Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that claims 6-13 and 15 would be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Objections to the Drawings

Replacement drawings with the legend "prior art" have been provided. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Specification

Replacement paragraphs [0019] and [0075] have been provided to address the noted informalities. Applicants respectfully note that the specification properly refers to "cascode transistor stage." If a reference to a cascode transistor stage is required, Applicants will be glad to provide one, but believe that a reference to the prior art will disclose the cascade transistor configuration. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

All pending claims have been amended so as to be in condition for allowance in accordance with the indications of the Examiner. Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

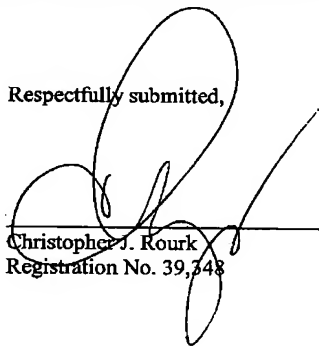
In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 939-8657 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

An additional fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension of time is believed to be due, and a petition therefore is hereby made. As noted, a no-fee deadline fell on November 28, 2004, when the PTO was closed on Sunday, and this response is therefore timely filed on November 29, 2004 within the one-month extension period. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Godwin Gruber, LLP, No. 50-0530.

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